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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 1914.

ACTION IS NECESSARY

This means that action on the part of our county court and every public spirited citizen of Douglas county is needed. It means improvement—too long delayed—of that great public highway from Roseburg to the sea coast by the course of the middle fork of the Coquille river. It has been traveled for over 60 years and may be said to be a part of the interstate road from Oregon to California. It is now the leading mail and stage route to the coast counties of Coos and Curry. The stretch of that road in Douglas county—now practically impassable for most conveyances—is only about 8 1/2 miles in length. Beyond and westward is a continuation of the same terrible and dangerous roadway of about 12 miles in Coos county. This the people of Coos county intended to make of a hard surface and water level grade. The cost was to be provided for in a bond issue of \$440,000.00. Other portions of this sum was to be expended on other lines of public highways in that county. So earnest have the people of that county been favoring this undertaking that for more than a year public meetings and discussions have been held in various parts of the county and everywhere the assemblages voiced their cordial endorsement. A delegation of enthusiasts, including the county judge, the commissioners and other county officers, with several active and prominent business men met our own county judge and commissioners and many of our citizens last spring in the commercial club rooms. Speeches were made, the officials of both counties were in accord and promised their active aid. Resolutions to the same effect were passed unanimously. Committees were appointed and a general opinion prevailed that surveys and active work would begin at once. We of this county were led to believe that no delay would occur. But lo, and behold, the much needed and promised work died "aborn."

It is true that our county court ordered a survey and a very light grade was established by County Surveyor Cain, no part of which exceeded three per cent. A few laborers scratched up a little dirt, filled up a few of the worst holes and then suddenly all operations ceased and a rumor spread in Coos county that our court was opposed to that particular improvement and would favor a permanent road out of the county near the Umpqua river. No public denial was ever made to this rumor. But subsequent actions on the part of our court has given some credence to the story. Our neighboring county has lost faith in us and it is now proposed to construct the road only as far as Bridge, leaving the road to the Douglas county line—a stretch of about 12 miles—to its fate. They believe it useless to extend the road to our county line if we do not propose to improve the 8 1/2 miles in our county. This road extends from the Coos county line to the Camas valley and for six months out of the year is a disgrace to our county and a danger to those who through sheer necessity are compelled to travel it.

"Who, or what is responsible for this situation?" Is it because we are financially embarrassed? Surely that cannot be. We rank fourth or fifth in the order of wealth of all the counties of the state. The records show that we have an assessed valuation of nearly \$40,000,000.00. Our county warrants are at par and quickly redeemed. Why then such a niggardly and miserly policy as to this improvement? Will our county court explain. Has our commercial club,

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the automobile would play a considerable part but the horse and the mule would not be eliminated. The army at present is sadly lacking in field artillery batteries, that being its most striking deficiency, but on the other hand the signal corps is far in advance of wireless telegraphy, and telegraphy as well as the most serviceable instrumental and the quickest possible sort of method for getting from one place to another, the motorcycle. Our battleships along the Gulf coast could effect a perfect blockade of every port within 24 hours. The troops now stationed here and other points in Texas could be gotten to any section of the Texas border within less than 24 hours while those sent out from Gulf ports on the transporia would reach their destination anywhere from 36 to 69 hours after embarking here.

CITY NEWS.

W. S. Duncan, of Eugene, was a visitor in Roseburg for a few hours yesterday.
Hugh W. Oliver, of Myrtle Creek, spent last evening in Roseburg looking after business affairs.
Patronize the Farmers Public Market Tuesdays and Saturdays. Producers' and consumers' interest. Prices always reasonable. 309-47
The Pythian Sisters are making elaborate preparations for the card party to be given at the Odd Fellows' hall in Roseburg this evening.
If you need wood the Full Measure yard can fill your order with dry oak or fir. Phone 165. North Roseburg. 304-47
Let us repair your wagon and farm implements. All work done in a workmanlike manner. Kinser & Marsh, the scientific horseshoers. 232-47
Call at Roseburg Nursery Co.'s yards and see the fine lot of fruit trees of all kinds. Also small fruits, shade trees and roses. Corner Oak and Main. 311-47
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A shadow social will be given at the Christian church Thursday, March 19. Everyone invited. Girl's box will be given to bidder on her shadow. No bids over 50 cents. 315-419
Mrs. Robert Gile entertained twelve ladies at a luncheon at her

home, at the corner of Lane and Stephens streets this afternoon. The decorations were in yellow and were most attractive.
Douglas County Creamery butter is the best on the market. Insist on home product, which is always strictly fresh and guaranteed. Two pound your grocer supplying you with this roll 65 cents. 47
B. F. Jones expects to leave here in a few days for Portland and Oregon City where he has business matters needing his attention.
The members of the Social Service League held a very interesting meeting at the Parish House, of the local Episcopal church last evening. Considerable important business was considered. A number of new names were added to the membership list.

NURSING

Nursing at home or will go out. Residence 804 Miller street. Phone 193-Y.

BOX SOCIAL.

Box social at the Edenbower social hall, Saturday night March 28. A splendid program will be given, including the Edenbower orchestra, also good vocal talent and special program by the Edenbower Choral Club. Boxes will be sold at auction, proceeds to be used towards finishing the hall. 318-m28 COMMITTEE.

HELEN KELLER IN ROSEBURG ON MARCH 26

Don't fail to see and hear Helen Keller, the world famous deaf, dumb and blind lady who with her teacher, Mrs. Macy, will appear under the auspices of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Commercial Club at the Antlers theatre March 26, and will deliver her wonderful lecture, "The Heart and Hand, or the Right use of Our Senses." Every one should hear this. Remember the time and place. 317-47

BRIGHTEN UP

You have the feeling, we know how it is every Spring You are going to Brighten Up the house with a new coat of S. & W. paint. Now just a word under heading of DON'TS.

- DON'T use over ochre where mixed with boiled linseed oil.
- DON'T use over a surface that is wet or frosty.
- DON'T use over a surface covered with smoke and grease.
- DON'T use over green or pitchy lumber.
- DON'T use over another coat of paint that is not thoroughly dry.
- DON'T use boiled oil for thinning.

Here we have a few DO'ES to remember. Use only S. W. primer or S. W. paint as first coat Remember both must be thinned with RAW oil. Fill wood with oil and prevent scaling and pulling. If old wood, be sure the old loose paint is brushed off Remember to call for color card and study the instructions. And, above all things don't forget the brand, S. W. P. It has stood the test for 40 years,

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Just Now The topic of the moment is Easter Togs, for Easter is the day of days for dress.

Fittingly So For it marks the advance of the new season, the time to discard dull raiment and like Nature, look to brighter attire.

Of course you will want an Easter Hat, and this season's styles are really new, novelties in shapes, colors, finish and trimmings.

Then there are gloves, the ever popular and dressy, dressed and undressed kid in light and dull grays and various shades of brown.

Of course you will give the Easter shirt and tie attention for they lend the final touch to Easter dress.

All these Easter things we have anticipated with a special stock in each department, of which we welcome your attention.

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